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SUBJECT: JCIC-XXXIV: (U) BELARUSIAN OPENING PLENARY
STATEMENT, JUNE 8, 2009

Classified By: Jerry A. Taylor, United States Representative
to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission.
Reasons: 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is JCIC-XXXIV-005.

[1](#)2. (U) At paragraph 3 below is the official translation of
the text of the Belarusian Statement that was delivered at
the Opening Plenary Meeting of the Thirty-fourth Session of
the START Treaty's Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission
(JCIC), held at the Russian Mission on June 8, 2009.

[1](#)3. (S) Begin text:

Official Translation

Statement
by the Delegation of the Republic of Belarus
at the Plenary Meeting of the
Thirty-fourth Session of the
Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission

Geneva

June 8, 2009

Esteemed Mr. Chairman,

Esteemed Representatives, Heads, and Members of the
Delegations of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian
Federation, the United States of America, and Ukraine,

The Delegation of the Republic of Belarus greets its
START Treaty partners as we begin the work of this latest
session of the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission,
JCIC-XXXIV.

At JCIC-XXXIII we witnessed a constructive dialogue aimed at resolving issues related to notification and inspection activities under the Treaty. We expect that at this session the dialogue will continue in the same positive atmosphere, which will make it possible to concretize ways of resolving concerns, specifically, on such issues as conversion of heavy bombers at Davis-Monthan, Minuteman III RVOSI, the status of the Courtland facility, and SS-25 RVOSI.

We also express our readiness for constructive work on issues regarding completion of continuous monitoring at Votkinsk and closing POEs.

At JCIC-XXXIII we began discussing issues related to expiration of the START Treaty in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article XVII of the Treaty. In this connection, there was an important exchange of views concerning the future regime for verification of strategic offensive arms after December 12009.

The Russian Federation and the United States have already taken concrete steps in this direction and are holding intensive consultations on the future Treaty. We reaffirm our willingness to get involved in this work in a very serious manner.

In light of the approaching START expiration date, we believe it is important to discuss the question of adopting a document that would reflect the contribution of the Parties to implementation of the Treaty and that would confirm the existing obligations in connection with the START Treaty, as

well as the commitment to further reduction of strategic offensive arms. This will send a clear signal to the international community regarding the Parties' intention to preserve the security architecture created by the Treaty and to develop key agreements in the area of strategic offensive arms.

We hope that a substantive dialogue at JCIC-XXXIV will make it possible to work out acceptable solutions to the issues raised for discussion.

Thank you.

End text.

14. (U) Taylor sends.
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